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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON APPLYING
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

TO: Chief Deputy Attorney General

We have performed procedures, which were agreed upon by the Department of Justice (DOJ), the California Witness Relocation and Assistance Program (CAL WRAP), and the Office of Program Review and Audits (OPRA), solely to assist the CAL WRAP in evaluating the Merced County District Attorney's Office (MCDAO) assertions that they have followed the policies and procedures of the CAL WRAP and have claimed only reimbursable costs for the period January 1, 2006 to September 30, 2009.

Procedures were performed to verify that the MCDAO:

1. Implemented the program in a manner consistent with the CAL WRAP guidelines.
2. Claimed costs that were reasonable and allowable for reimbursement under the CAL WRAP guidelines.
3. Claimed costs that were supported by source documents (cash receipts, rental receipts, rental agreements, invoices, payroll registers, time sheets and/or other relevant documents).
4. Returned or credited rental and utility deposit(s) to the CAL WRAP when a case was closed or terminated, or when the witness moved to a different location.
5. Claimed per diem costs consistent with the rates allowable with the CAL WRAP guidelines.
6. Complied with the 25 percent (25%) match required of all expenditures incurred on or after January 1, 2008, unless the CAL WRAP waived the required local match.
7. Returned unused funds to the CAL WRAP for closed or terminated cases.

We have performed the procedures in accordance with attestation standards established by the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. In performing the agreed-upon procedures, certain matters that came to our attention are reported in the Findings and Recommendations section of this report.

We were not engaged to nor did we perform an examination, the objective of which would have been the expression of an opinion. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for use by the CAL WRAP and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes.

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Director
Office of Program Review and Audits
December 8, 2009

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FINDINGS and RECOMMENDATIONS

Finding 1

The MCDAO was unable to substantiate the following lodging and miscellaneous expenses totaling \$341 that were claimed for CAL WRAP reimbursement:

	Temp-Lodging		\$ 178.00
	Prescription Medicine		134.00
	Amtrak Ticket		29.00
Total			\$ 341.00

The OPRA requested receipts or other documentation to support these expenses.

Criteria

The *CAL WRAP Policy and Procedures Manual* states, "Agencies are responsible for reporting actual costs (as well as maintaining their original receipts associated with the case), submitted for reimbursement to CAL WRAP."

Recommendation

The CAL WRAP should request that the MCDAO substantiate lodging and miscellaneous expenses totaling \$341 by providing supporting documentation to justify these costs. If the MCDAO fails to provide supporting documentation, the CAL WRAP should require the MCDAO to return \$341 to the CAL WRAP or provide a signed declaration that expenses claimed for CAL WRAP reimbursement are true and accurate.

Division Comments

CAL WRAP received signed declarations for \$341 for the expenses in question.

Finding 2

Based on actual receipts or other documentation, MCDAO claimed the following excess lodging costs:

	Lodging		\$ 40.90
Total			\$ 40.90

Criteria

The *CAL WRAP Policy and Procedures Manual* states, "Agencies are responsible for reporting actual costs submitted for reimbursement to CAL WRAP."

Recommendation

The CAL WRAP should require that the MCDAO return \$40.90 to the CAL WRAP.

Division Comments

CAL WRAP requested and received \$40.90 from MCDAO for excess lodging costs.